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PATENT
APPLICATION

In re: PATENT APPLICATION of:

Inventor(s): Rohde, et al.

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Group Art Unit 1638

Examiner: Anne R. Kubelik

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Filed: March 16, 2001

Title: METHOD FOR PRODUCING PLANTS
HAVING AN INCREASED TOLERANCE
AGAINST DROUGHT AND/OR FUNGAL
ATTACK AND/OR INCREASED SALT
CONCENTRATIONS AND/OR EXTREME
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER RULE 114

Please continue the examination of this application.

PREREQUISITES

This application was filed on/after June 8, 1995, is not abandoned, and no court action has been filed, or if filed, it has been terminated.

An issue fee has not been paid (unless a petition under Rule 313(c)(2) is also being filed -- see item 4 below).

Prosecution has been closed as defined in Rule 114(b).

Reply to any outstanding action must be enclosed or previously filed.

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This application is entitled under Rule 114 to withdrawal of any outstanding finality or of any allowance plus a new action by the Examiner. Consideration on the merits of each submission (e.g., IDS, Amendment, new arguments, new evidence, but not appeal/reply briefs themselves) filed herewith is respectfully requested.

Please consider the following before the next Official Action:

1. Please ☒ enter ☐ do not enter the Amendment filed September 30, 2003
2. ☐ The enclosed new Amendment
3. ☐ Consider the arguments in the appeal brief filed ___ and reply brief filed
4. ☐ The issue fee has been paid, but this RCE is based on Rule 313(c)(2). See enclosed petition.
5. ☐ The enclosed Information Disclosure Statement
☐ IDS Letter ☐ Cited Appln ☐ Foreign Search Report/OA
☐ PTO-1449 ☐ Cited Documents
6. ☐ Please suspend action under Rule 103(c) for a period of ___ months (3 mos. Max) for which charge the required \$130 fee (fee code 1808) to our Deposit Account (see below).
7. Petition is hereby made to extend the **original** due date of ___ to cover the date (1 mo) \$110/\$55
this Request is filed. **PLEASE CHARGE** the requisite fee to our Deposit (2 mos) \$420/\$210 \$475
Account (see below) (3 mos) \$950/\$475
8. **PLEASE CHARGE** the Rule 17(e) (RCE) filing fee of ☐ \$770 (lg. ent.) ☒ \$385 (sm. ent.) plus any deficiency and any other fee due now or later to our Deposit

NOTE: Rule 17(e) filing fee Cannot be deferred!

NO CLAIMS FEE REQUIRED unless you are adding claims by box 2 Amendment in which case cover this with PAT-120.

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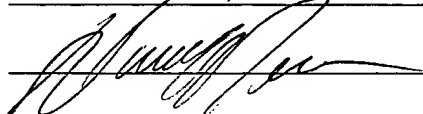
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